

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH RIFLE AND CANNON

Russians Kept Up Hardest Firing Since Engagement at Shakhe for Two Hours--Japanese Sustained No Damage and Refused to Reply.

MORE TROOPS TRANSFERRED

At Port Arthur and One Hundred and Fifty Officers Paroled.

GLOOMY CELEBRATION IN ST. PETERSBURG--MIKADO THANKS OFFICERS AND MEN FOR CAPTURE OF PORT ARTHUR--BLOCKADE OF LIAOTUNG PENINSULA IS ABOLISHED.

General Oku's Headquarters, via Pusan, Jan. 7.—The Russians began their Christmas eve celebration by a heavy rifle fire at 10 o'clock last evening. The artillery joined later and kept up the hardest firing known since the Shakhe engagement, for two hours. The firing covered the entire front of Oku's army. The Japanese sustained no damage and refused to reply, simply moving into their trenches and preparing to repulse an attack which, however, was not attempted. There were no casualties among the Japanese troops.

An Additional Transfer. Tokyo, Jan. 7.—General Nogai reports the additional transfer of Russian prisoners at Port Arthur yesterday. 182 officers and 7,177 men were transferred and one hundred and fifty officers paroled.

The Russian Christmas. St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The Russians are celebrating their Christmas today with heavy hearts as the trial of war and losses at the front have brought sorrow and mourning to countless homes. The imperial family observed the day quietly and without any elaborate ceremonies.

Rescript of Thanks. Tokyo, Jan. 7.—The emperor to-day issued a rescript thanking General Kuroki for the capture of Port Arthur. Admiral Togo issued an order abolishing from to-day the blockade of the Liaotung peninsula.

Advices Confirmed. London, Jan. 7.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation here from Tokyo confirms the raising of the blockade of the Liaotung peninsula, and adds that for the present no ships excepting those of the Japanese government service will be allowed to enter Port Arthur harbor.

Progress Toward Peace. Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Deutsche Reichs Correspondence, which maintains close personal relations with Chancellor von Bethov, discusses the fall of Port Arthur as furthering the progress towards peace. It thinks that the chivalry shown by General Nogi, in the terms of surrender allowed General Stoessel will probably make an impression at St. Petersburg which later will bring about an agreement between the belligerents without the intermediation of a third power. It adds that while facilities will undoubtedly continue to be made for the almost conciliatory termination of the heroic drama at Port Arthur will make it easier to resume diplomatic relations at a suitable period.

BOARD OF TRADE INVESTIGATING

SAVANNAH COMMERCIAL BODY INQUIRING INTO IMPORTANT SHIPPING QUESTIONS.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 7.—The transportation committee of the Savannah board of trade has begun an investigation of conditions prevailing in this port in reference to vessels and the charges made against them for certain services. One thing the board wishes to look into is the question of forcing the crews of vessels to sleep ashore during certain periods of the year. The impression is that with the improved conditions in Savannah this may not be necessary. It is very expensive. The question of port charges, the charges for pilotage, towing and other things of that character will be looked into and compared with other ports to see if Savannah charges too much for these services as compared with other competing ports. The lumbermen are said to be particularly interested in this matter.

Interstate Commerce Committeeman Yoemans



Mr. James D. Yoemans is a well-known member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is very much to the front at this time owing to President Roosevelt's attitude on the stricter superintendence of railway rates by the government.

Adams to be Proclaimed Governor of Colorado

Denver, Jan. 7.—It has been decided by the legislature to canvass the vote at the recent election and declare Alva Adams, democrat, elected governor of Colorado, on the face of the returns. All contests will go over until after the inauguration of Adams. The canvass has been commenced and will probably last until midnight, Denver time. Adams will not be proclaimed governor until the canvass is finished.

Wind Reached a Velocity of Eighty Miles an Hour

Boston, Jan. 7.—The heavy north-easterly storm which set in last night embraced all of New England to-day. A heavy rain, accompanied by a rise of thirty degrees in the temperature, rapidly melted the snow and caused considerable inconvenience. The gale reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour on the coast and caused considerable damage to shipping. One man was drowned.

COMMITTEE ON SWAYNE CASE

HELD PRIVATE SESSION, WORKING UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT. NO CONCLUSION HAS YET BEEN REACHED.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The committee of which Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania is chairman, appointed by the House to prepare articles of impeachment against Federal Judge Charles Swayne, held a meeting last night, and worked until long after midnight. The session, which was private, was held at the residence of Representative Parker of New Jersey. The members agreed to say nothing with regard to the deliberations beyond the bare statement that no conclusions had been reached, and that another meeting will be held Monday. Secretary Shaw has written a letter to Representative Gillett of the committee, in response to an inquiry by the latter as to the expenses of Federal judges when holding court outside their districts. Secretary Shaw's letter shows that in the fiscal year 1903, 26 federal judges charged expenses for 2,344 days. Of these 1,463, of 62½ per cent. charged for \$10 a day and \$81, or about 37½ per cent. at less than \$10 a day.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday at noon, when Secretary W. C. Jones will present his annual report, which will contain a large amount of statistics of more than ordinary interest to the public. In addition to the annual report of the secretary officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

RIGHT TO VETO ACTION OF COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

Important Bull on Subject Issued by Pope Pius, to be Made Public After His Death.

CARDINALS FORBIDDEN

TO BEAR MESSAGES FROM THEIR SOVEREIGNS INTO CONCLAVE ELECTING NEW POPE, UNDER PENALTY OF EXCLUSION THEREFROM AND THE LOSS OF VOTE.

Rome, Jan. 7.—One of the most important acts thus far in the pontificate of Pope Pius X, is embodied in a secret bull, which will not be made public until the death of the pontiff, when it will be read as forming a part of the constitution in the next conclave to elect his successor.

The bull is in connection with the claims of Austria, France and Spain as to their right of veto against Cardinal Rampolla, had been elected to succeed Leo XIII, which were presented to the conclave by Cardinal Puzyna, an Austrian bishop, at the instance of Emperor Francis Joseph.

Briefly, the bull says that all Cardinals are absolutely forbidden, under penalty of exclusion from the conclave, and will not be allowed to vote if they are the bearers of a message of veto and that if any cardinal, knowing the intention of his ruler to object to the election of a cardinal, shall communicate this intention to his colleagues in the conclave he, also, will be excluded and not allowed to vote.

NEWS OF THE WEEK AT PINE BARREN

PARTY OF PENSACOLIANS ENTERED NEW YEAR'S DAY. PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Pine Barren, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Cassie Holmes had for her guests on New Year's Misses Reba Butler, Valery Flowers and Lela Butler Messrs. J. Flowers, E. Tiedman, L. Flowers and R. Sweeting, all of Pensacola. Also Miss Maggie Williams and Mr. Jess Nicholson, of this place. In the forenoon the party visited the M. E. Sunday school and then had music, singing and recitations. In the afternoon the jolly young people, chaperoned by Mrs. Sweeting, took a walk to view the beauties of our little village, visiting the cemetery and the large public bridge that spans the Pine Barren creek. More than all they seemed to enjoy the stroll along "Lover's Walk," where beautiful trees arch their branches over and cast a cooling shade. Some one asked where the walk got its name as it seemed so very appropriate—at least to some of the couples—as they strolled along admiring its many beauties. Only when it was announced that it was almost train time did the gay party seem to realize that the day of freedom and pure fresh country air was drawing to a close. We hope that all returned to Pensacola with the remembrance of a happy day.

Mr. Steve Wiggins was shaking hands with his many friends here Monday.

Mrs. B. Jernigan and two children, Mrs. C. L. Wiggins, Mrs. Bell and Mr. John Jernigan visited in Pollard a few days last week.

Mr. Wm. Sweeting has returned home after several days pleasant visit with his brother, Mr. H. N. Sweeting, in Tallahassee.

Mr. B. Jernigan visited in Pollard Sunday.

Mr. W. A. Finlay was in Pollard Sunday, the guest of his father.

Mr. Tom Wiggins spent Sunday in Atmore.

Rev. J. O. Lawrence filled his first appointment here Sunday night, but owing to the rain there was not a very large congregation present.

Miss Lena Williams, who has been in Atmore for some time, has returned home much to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. Lee Gentry, who has a position here, visited in Bluff Springs Sunday.

Mr. John Jernigan, who has been home for the holidays, has returned to college.

Mrs. E. Hobby and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Hobby's mother, Mrs. N. Nicholson.

Mr. J. Tucker, wife and baby, of Brents, visited relatives here on New Year's.

Mrs. D. W. Whitworth, of Bagdad, after a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Wm. Sweeting, left Friday for Mobile, where she will visit her daughters.

Mr. J. Pillingim, of Bluff Springs, spent Sunday evening with friends here.

A number of our citizens were attending court in Pensacola Friday.

Mrs. Cassie Holmes is visiting Miss Etta Bowman at McDavid.

The Journal's hustling collector was circulating among the subscribers Thursday and Friday at this place.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ON LEGISLATIVE POLICY

President Roosevelt and Several Senators and Representatives Discuss Tariff and Interstate Commerce Law.

ENTIRE REHABILITATION OF THE RUSSIAN NAVY

Commission of Experts Will Soon Meet in Paris to Make Reports and Formulate Plans for the Work.

Paris, Jan. 7.—Vice Admiral Douhassoff, who succeeded Admiral Kaznakoff as the Russian representative on the International Commission to investigate the North Sea incident, arrived to-day. It is known that his service on the North Sea Commission is a mere incident, his chief mission being to preside at a meeting of the Naval Technical Commission which is to consider the complete rehabilitation of the Russian navy. This is not in connection with the fall of Port Arthur of the present war as Russians recognize the necessity for the re-creation of their navy, without reference to the present contest with the Japanese.

A number of naval experts will arrive here in a short time, after visiting the navy yards of Europe, and Vice Admiral Douhassoff, who is chief constructor of the Russian navy, will be present at the meetings of the experts, and go over their reports.

It is understood that the Russian plan contemplates the expenditure of two hundred million rubles on naval rehabilitation during the next three years. Several American shipbuilding yards will probably be invited to submit bids for the construction of the new vessels.

Registered Mail Stolen From Car Near Montgomery

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 7.—A mail car of the Atlantic Coast Line, which arrived here late this afternoon, was robbed about five miles east of this city. A large amount of registered mail was secured and the bandit made his escape. The value of the mail stolen cannot be ascertained, but it is believed to be large.

Innocently Married Her Dead Father's Brother

Rome, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Maud Letson, aged nineteen, testified before Justice Scripture that in 1902 she married innocently her dead father's brother. The girl was placed in an orphan asylum at the age of two years and her relatives lost track of her until last summer, when her sister, Mrs. Verna Vale, of Allentown, Pa., having heard of the marriage wrote: "You have married your uncle David." Justice Scripture granted a decree of annulment.

FORGED NAME OF FATHER TO NOTES

YOUNG MAN AND HIS WIFE TAKE FRENCH LEAVE AFTER SECURING ABOUT \$1,000.

Tallahassee, Ga., Jan. 7.—Jesse Chandler a young married man of good parentage, has taken French leave and gone to parts unknown, accompanied by his wife, having, it is alleged, secured so far as is known, about \$1,000, through the forgery of his father's name to notes varying in amounts from \$100 to \$300.

It is supposed that he left Saturday night or Sunday night. He resided a few miles out in the country. The contents of the house were left undisturbed, even the dishes on the table indicating that they had just finished their final meal before making their hurried exit.

BOTH RESIGN AS RESULT OF DUEL

MAYOR AND MARSHAL OF HAMILTON, GA., GIVE UP OFFICE AFTER SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 7.—Hamilton, Ga., in Harris county, is without a mayor or marshal, as the result of personal differences between Mayor Olin Barnes and Marshal Whitehead, which resulted in a street duel, in which Whitehead was slightly injured in the hand.

Both men have resigned from their respective offices. Frank Hadley is filling the duties of mayor until Barnes's successor is elected. An election for mayor has been ordered. Both Barnes and Whitehead swore out warrants against each other, and both gave bond.

MINISTER GUILTY OF KILLING SON

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 7.—Rev. W. W. Armer was to-day found guilty of murdering his son, twenty-one years old, and was sentenced to twenty-one years in the penitentiary. He killed his son because the latter had gone to work for a farmer and refused to return home.

CHRISTMAS AT MUKDEN

Mukden, Jan. 7.—The town is filled to overflowing with Russian officers and soldiers buying Christmas presents. All the men look healthy and vigorous and many officers interviewed, declare that the troops are well fed and are not suffering from the cold, being quartered in huts more comfortable than a Mukden hotel.

NO DEFINITE CONCLUSION

WAS REACHED, ACCORDING TO STATEMENT AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT—PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ON QUESTION OF TARIFF REVISION.

Washington, Jan. 7.—An important meeting regarding the active questions pending before the present congress was held at the White House this afternoon. In addition to President Roosevelt the parties to the conference were Speaker Cannon, Senators Allison, of Iowa, Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Spooner, of Wisconsin; Platt, of Connecticut, and Representatives Payne, of New York; Dailzell, of Pennsylvania; Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Lawney, of Minnesota.

It can be said on the authority of the president that no conclusion was reached at the conference, but the statement was made that other conferences will be held before decisions of a definite character are reached. At the conclusion of the conference the president authorized the following statement:

"These gentlemen came here to discuss various matters of public policy now before congress including the tariff and the interstate commerce law, but are not ready yet to announce any definite conclusion."

The fact that the conferences are all experts on the tariff question prompted the conclusion that the principal topic of discussion at the conference was tariff revision, which was considered almost to the exclusion of other legislative problems.

LATEST PIECE OF CABINET GOSSIP

CORTLEYOU TO BE POSTMASTER GENERAL UNTIL RETIREMENT OF SHAW, WHOM HE WILL SUCCEED.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The latest piece of cabinet gossip runs this way: Immediately after March 4 George B. Cortleyou, chairman of the republican national committee, is to be made postmaster general, to hold the place until about June 8, when Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, secretary of the treasury, is to retire, and to be succeeded by Mr. Cortleyou.

Mr. Cortleyou desired to be postmaster general, chief of a great department where he was once clerk. That sentiment is to be gratified. Mr. Shaw desires to retire as secretary of the treasury, and the president will eventually appoint Mr. Cortleyou to this post in the cabinet.

Mr. and Mrs. Cortleyou left yesterday for New York, sailing from there for southern Europe. The object of their trip is to secure needed rest and recuperation for Mr. Cortleyou.

GEORGIA FARMERS WILL HOLD COTTON

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 7.—One of the leading cotton factors of the city a few days ago wrote to one of his farmer clients for \$2,000 to cover margin on cotton that he was carrying for him. The day after the following telegram was received:

"Have mailed you a check for \$2,000 and am shipping you fifty more bales of cotton by to-day's freight. Hold my cotton. We farmers are going to whip this fight or go broke."

To-day both the check and the bill of lading for the cotton arrived in the city. The factors say that while this is a pointed case of the way the farmers feel about the fight now on over cotton, it is the prevailing sentiment in this section. It is thought that some of the farmers in holding on to their cotton are going to put themselves in a position where they cannot plant next year and therefore the acreage will be reduced of a necessity. The farmers are figuring that it is a much safer proposition to hold on to what they have for next year than to plant and raise a crop at the prices now offered.

WITH CARGO OF SWEET POTATOES FROM CUBA.

The American schooner Ariel entered yesterday from Cuba with a cargo of sweet potatoes from Cardenas.

The cargo is composed of 225 bushels and will be discharged at the Baylen street wharf being consigned to local merchants. The duty on the cargo amounts to \$45.